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The Martin,

The leg discomfort turns out to be phlebitis. It also appears not to be a serious case. But it has slowed me down and will for a while.

I was in Washington yesterday. As a result of a conference I had I am certain that the probability I forecast for Post Mortem is what will happen. Someone had asked me to come in, I had this appointment, and I went from it to the doctor.

This probability does relate to the potential of the proposel I wrote Hedrick Smith at your suggestion. If there is any interest it ought be a simple matter for Crewdon to satisfy the Times that it is all for real.

(Cheery note: Bud's wife, who has phlebitis, was just taken ill with it. He is at the Hartford nuttery I told you I would not attend and his office doesn't know how to reach him. I know of enough nuts in that area so they'll be able to.)

What follows is more for John than for you. I hear his Nosenko story has appeared. I'd appreciate a copy although I know its thrust.

There appears to have been a campaign to get that line accepted and used. I learned this yesterday in Washington, first-person. Those I presume to be the same sources, the FBI and CIA, are pouring it into the Church people.

There is no suggestion of irresponsible journalism in this. It is a legitimate story if a probable disinformation operation. I presume the sources alone make this the case. In fact, I hope the story inspires its inspirerer to more. In the end it will help bring the truth out. I like self-hoisting petards and use them, as you'll see in Post Mortem. (I now expect the promised delivery date to be bettered.)

You two are too sharp for me to give any clues to anything I don't want used now where I have no right to ask confidentiality and can't take time anyway. So, I'll merely add that if there is an arrangement of some kind or for after I am past the initial heavy deamnd on my time with Post Mortem there is an angle having nothing to do with Nosenko. To this end and for such a time I would encourage John to keep a good record of every story he is offered having anything to do with any assassination of the commission or the agencies and of any leaks, particularly if he believes they are indirect ones.

Now that the Nosenko story is out and my hands are clean, I suggest that John ask his sources if their checking of Nosenko's story turned up any proof that he lied about anything or was wrong in any representation that could be checked. If John has not done this, that is.

Best,

cc: John Crewdson